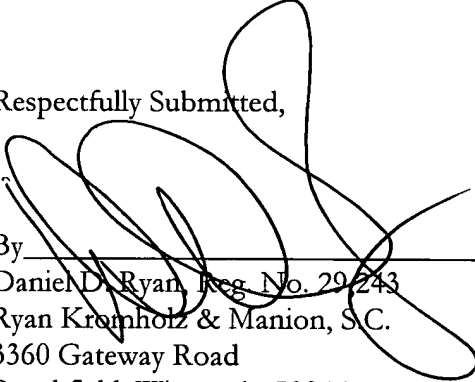


REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a species, applicant elects (without traverse) Species A. Original claims 1 to 8 are believed to be readable on Species A.

Claims 9 to 35 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species, without prejudice to Applicant's rights to present the subject matter of these claims in a subsequent divisional application and Applicant's rights to have considered at that time Applicant's document Suggesting an Interference pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a), which was filed on August 4, 2005, with respect to interfering claims in co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/474,805, filed April 2, 2002, entitled "Liquid Filtering Method and Filtering System," or its progeny.

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